

## COUNCIL

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

**Members Present:**

**25 May 2022**

**The Mayor:** John Warman

**The Deputy Mayor:** Del Morgan

**Councillors:** A.R.Aubrey, T.Bowen, W.Carpenter, H.C.Clarke, C.Clement-Williams, M.Crowley, A.Dacey, H.Davies, H.Davies, O.S.Davies, R.Davies, C.Galsworthy, N.Goldup-John, S.Grimshaw, J.Hale, S.Harris, M.Harvey, J.Henton, S.K.Hunt, J.Hurley, C.James, C.James, N.Jenkins, J.Jones, L.Jones, R.G.Jones, S.Jones, C.Jordan, S.A.Knoyle, E.V.Latham, C.Lewis, D.Lewis, A.Llewelyn, A.R.Lockyer, R.Mizen, K.Morris, S.Paddison, S.M.Penry, D.M.Peters, C.Phillips, R.Phillips, S.Pursey, P.A.Rees, S.Renkes, S.H.Reynolds, A.J.Richards, M.Spooner, D.Thomas, S.Thomas, D.Whitelock, C.Williams, L.Williams and R.W.Wood

**Officers:** K.Jones, N.Pearce, A.D.Thomas, A.Jarrett, C.Griffiths, M.Shaw, S.Curran, J.Woodman-Ralph

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1. **Welcome and Roll Call**

The Mayor welcomed all present, and a roll call was taken.

2. **Mayor's Announcements**

It was with deep regret that the Mayor informed Council of the recent death of former Councillor Andrew Tutton, who represented the Port Talbot Ward between 2004 and 2012 and former Councillor John Sullivan, who represented the Aberavon Ward between 2004 and 2012.

Also, Council were informed of the death of Alistair Borthwick, who worked in Democratic Services for a number of years prior to his retirement.

As a mark of respect Council observed a minute's silence.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received.

4. **Annual General Meeting and Election of Chair/Vice Chair for 2022/2023**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services briefed Council on the legal requirements of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Constitution of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to hold an Annual General Meeting for the civic year 2022/2023 as detailed in the circulated report.

**RESOLVED:** In the light of ongoing discussions between political parties as to the make up of the Council for civic year 2022/2023 approval be granted for paragraphs (b) and (c) of paragraph 2 of the report be deferred to the next the meeting of Council.

5. **Annual General Meeting and Reconstitution of Council 2022/2023**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services briefed Council on the legal requirement of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Constitution of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to hold an Annual General Meeting for the civic year 2022/2023 as detailed in the circulated report.

**RESOLVED:** In the light of discussions still ongoing between political parties as to the make-up of the Council for the civic year 2022/2023, items (e) to (i) of paragraph 2 be deferred to the next meeting of Council.

6. **Scheme of Delegation**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services introduced the report, and explained to Members that as it had been agreed to defer the previous two reports, it was important to put in place decision making arrangements until Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council was fully constituted as detailed in the circulated report.

- RESOLVED:** 1. That any matters which normally requires determination by Cabinet or Cabinet Boards, Cabinet members, any Committee or Sub Committee of the Council, and which in the view of the Chief Executive, necessitates a decision to be taken during the period from the 25th May 2022 until the date of the next meeting of Council, then the Chief Executive shall have delegated power to take a decision and to authorise any action on the matters in question, subject to the following:
- (a) any decisions taken must comply with normal reporting format, including compliance statement and reason for decision, except that implementation shall be with immediate effect without any call-in requirement;
  - (b) all decisions shall be reported back to Members;
  - (c) this delegation will not include any determination of planning applications which are normally deemed urgent by the Head of Planning Committee, unless deemed urgent by the Head of Planning and Public Protection in the context of statutory timescales; nor will it include decisions on any planning matters deemed to be “controversial” in the view of the Head of Planning and Public Protection.
  - (d) In exercising the above delegated powers, the Chief Executive will be required to consult with the Leaders of each political group.
2. That the Mayor or Deputy Mayor be authorised to be present at the opening of tenders during the period from the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to the date of the next meeting of Council.

7. **Notice of Motion under Section 10 of Part 4 (Rules of Procedure) the Council's Constitution**

No notice of motions were received.

8. **Questions from Members, with Notice, under Rule 9.2 of the Council's Procedure Rules**

No questions where received.

9. **Urgent Items**

No Urgent Items were received.

**CHAIRPERSON**